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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN-LAO RELATIONS

1. A WEST GERMAN DIPLOMAT TOLD US NOVEMBER 18 THAT CONSIDERATION OF NEW WEST GERMAN AID TO THE LPDR HAS COME TO A STANDSTILL OVER LAO REFUSAL TO SIGN A BILATERAL AID DOCUMENT FOR "IDEOLOGICAL" REASONS.
2. THE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT REQUIRES WEST GERMAN AID RECIPIENT NATIONS TO SIGN A BILATERAL AGREEMENT THAT MAKES REFERENCE TO THE STATE OF "THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND WEST BERLIN", INDICATING THAT THE CITY IS A PART OF THE WEST GERMAN STATE. IN 1976, THE LPDR GOVERNMENT SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT. IN MID-1977, HOWEVER, THE LPDR INFORMED THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT FOUND THIS LANGUAGE UNACCEPTABLE FOR "IDEOLOGICAL REASONS".
3. THE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT WHILE THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING REMOVING THE PASSAGE REGARDING BEFLIN FROM ITS
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STANDARD AID AGREEMENT TEXT, IT DID NOT WANT SO SMALL A NATION AS THE LPDR TO BE THE FIRST "SOCIALIST" STATE TO BREAK THE PRECEDENT OF SIGNING. HE NOTED THAT THE SRV ALSO HAD REFUSED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

4. THE WEST GERMANS ARE STILL ANGRY OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE HIGHLY OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN THE LPDR-GDR JOINT DECLAR-

ATION PUBLISHED ON THE OCCASION OF LPDR PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE'S MAY VISIT TO THE GDR. IN THE DECLARATION THE LAO AND EAST GERMANS STATED THAT "BOTH SIDES UNDERLINE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN AND ITS CONSISTENT OBSERVANCE FOR THE SECURING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE. THEY CONDEMN THE ILLEGAL EFFORTS TO VIOLATE THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN TO UNDERMINE WEST BERLIN'S SPECIAL STATUS AND TO MISUSE THIS CITY FOR HOSTILE PURPOSES AGAINST THE GDR AND OTHER SOCIALIST STATES."

5. THE DIPLOMAT EXPLAINED THAT THE WEST GERMAN FOCUS ON AID MATTERS IS TOWARDS AFRICA AND TO A SOMEWHAT LESSER DEGREE TOWARD SOUTH AMERICA, LEAVING ASIA A DISTANT THIRD IN WEST GERMAN CONCERN. LAOS, HE SAID FURTHER, WAS ONLY IMPORTANT TO THE WEST GERMANS AS IT AFFECTED THE SITUATION IN "FREE" SOUTHEAST ASIA.

6. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NO EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF STRONGER LAO-WEST GERMAN RELATIONS IS LIKELY.
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